



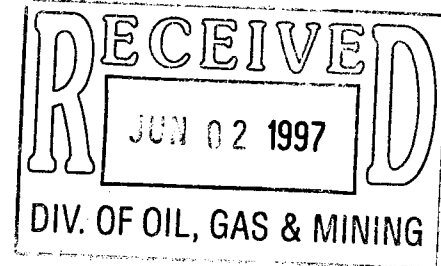
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Mr. Richard Manus
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RE: Western Clay Co.
San Rafael Quarry Plan Amendment
EA Log No. UT-066-97-08



Dear Mr. Manus:

The purpose of this letter is to express G-P Gypsum Corporation's (G-P) support for the Western Clay Company proposal to increase its mining activity in the San Rafael Swell area. G-P depends on the high quality gypsum available through the Western Clay mining operation. The Western Clay operation provides high-quality, white gypsum rock to G-P's gypsum products plant located in Sigurd, Utah. The white gypsum rock is the primary raw material for the G-P Sigurd plant's industrial plaster product line. Because of its proximity to G-P's Sigurd plant, the mine is able to provide this important raw material to G-P at a reasonable cost. G-P would like to pursue a long-term contract to secure this supply of white gypsum rock for our Sigurd operation; however, such a contract is currently unlikely due to the nature of the restrictions on Western Clay Company's mining. If G-P has to seek other sources of white gypsum rock, this could have a significant impact on the G-P Sigurd plant.

Please feel free to contact me at 702-643-8100.

Sincerely,

Bob Shajary

cc: J. W. Carter, Utah Division of Oil Gas & Mining
N. Mortensen, Western Clay Company